Spell Check Safari

Use reference sources to verify uncertain spellings.

5.LU.2.E "Consult reference materials to check and correct spelling."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the three words in the draft quotations that need to be checked in a reference source. After you check each word, write its correct spelling above it.

Ava's Aquarium Labels

1. At the Riverbend Aquarium, Ava wrote a short display label for the touch tank. Her first draft said, "A clean enviroment helps sea animals stay healthy." She was not sure about one word, so she opened a print dictionary. She used the guide words at the top of each page, then compared the letters in her draft with the dictionary entry before making a correction.

2. Next, Ava described an octopus hiding among rocks. In her draft, she wrote, "Its camoflage can make it hard to spot." The dictionary showed several forms of the word near the entry she needed. Ava read the whole entry, including the pronunciation and example sentence, to be sure she had found the right word. She copied the spelling carefully into her label.

3. Finally, Ava added a sentence about nighttime activity: "The octopus is nocternal and hunts after dark." Her print dictionary did not include a science word she wanted to use later, so she checked a trusted museum website. She chose a source with an expert organization listed and looked for the word in its article. Checking more than one source can help when a spelling still seems unclear.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Use a dictionary to check the word “enviroment” in the first draft. What is the correct spelling?

2. What did Ava use to find the right page in her print dictionary?

3. Use a dictionary to check the word “camoflage” in the second draft. What is the correct spelling?

4. Use a trusted reference source to check the word “nocternal” in the final draft. What is the correct spelling?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Create a two-sentence label for a different aquarium animal. Use a dictionary or approved online reference to check two words you are unsure about, underline those words, and name the source you used.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the three words in the draft quotations that need to be checked in a reference source. After you check each word, write its correct spelling above it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Use a dictionary to check the word “enviroment” in the first draft. What is the correct spelling?	**environment**
2	What did Ava use to find the right page in her print dictionary?	**the guide words at the top of each page**
3	Use a dictionary to check the word “camoflage” in the second draft. What is the correct spelling?	**camouflage**
4	Use a trusted reference source to check the word “nocternal” in the final draft. What is the correct spelling?	**nocturnal**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A _seahorse_ uses its curled tail to hold onto seagrass. Many seahorses live in _coastal_ waters. Source checked: Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

Accept environment, camouflage, and nocturnal as the corrected spellings. For Part 3, accept any accurate two-sentence animal label with two underlined checked words and a named appropriate reference source.